

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of Serial No. 10/322,472. The pending claims are entitled to priority on a date at least as earlier as March 28, 1997. Claims 1-17 have been canceled. Claims 18-22 are now pending.

Claims 18-22 relate to a mower including a pump lock-out system. For example, and without limitation, see the Fig. 7 embodiment of the instant application for purposes of understanding an example non-limiting embodiment.

It is noted that commonly owned U.S. Patent Nos. 6,550,563 and 5,984,031 include claims relating to a pump lock-out system for a mower (see IDS filed herewith).

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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